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TWO TRAGIC DEATHS

SKIDMORE MAN SETS FIRE TO BARN AND COMMIT SUICIDE

ANOTHER IS GUN VICTIM

James Deshazer, 14 Years Old, Instantly Killed While Out Hunting With Two Little Cousins

Despondent over the fact that his younger brother, Mosie Sloper, might soon be called to service and that his going would grieve his mother, is believed to have been the cause that led Frank Sloper, 50 years old, to set fire to a barn yesterday near his home in Skidmore and commit suicide in the burning structure by shooting himself with a shotgun.

When Charles Officer, a neighbor, discovered the fire at noon he aroused the neighborhood by telephone and a crowd rushed to the burning building to discover amidst the flames the half-consumed body of Sloper identified by parts of his clothing that were unburned and three gold teeth. A wound was found in the breast, while nearby, burst by the explosions of the shells set off in the magazine, was the shotgun.

Sloper borrowed the gun of J. H. Murphy, a neighbor, earlier in the day, and about 9:30 o'clock set out from their own farm, six miles west of Skidmore, to go to a rented place, 1 1/2 miles north, saying that he was going to hunt rabbits. Nothing more was seen of him until the barn, a small structure filled with hay and implements, was found on fire.

The aged mother will not believe that the body is that of her son and contends that he will return. The younger brother who was in the field gathering corn at the time, was stunned by the affair and has not talked about it.

The two sons, neither of whom had ever married, lived alone with their mother on the farm.

Neighbors who knew Sloper said it was not his custom to go hunting and J. H. Murphy, from whom the gun was borrowed, said that he had to explain the mechanism, wondering at the time what had caused him to decide to go hunting.

Dr. H. S. Rowlett, coroner, summoned a jury and an inquest was held. The jury found that Sloper's death was self-inflicted.

The funeral was held this afternoon at the family home six miles southwest of Skidmore, with burial in the Skidmore Masonic cemetery.

James Deshazer, 14 years old, was almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon while hunting with two cousins, Ralph and Clarence Hineman, 8 and 11 years old, on the Eva Hawk farm three miles northwest of Ravenwood.

The three boys had taken an old muzzle-loading shotgun and intended to spend the day hunting rabbits. According to the Hineman boys, they were sitting down together resting when in some unexplained manner

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DEATH OF MRS. OTIS SMITH

Was One of the Pioneer Residents of Nodaway Co.—Funeral at Workman Chapel This Afternoon

Mrs. Nancy Emeline Smith, age 69 years, wife of Otis Smith, and mother of Marion Smith of the Democrat Forum, died at her home ten miles north of Maryville yesterday.

Mrs. Smith was one of the pioneer residents of the county, having lived here for forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith drove overland in a covered wagon from their former home in Indiana and located first near Quitman, removing in 1887 to the present home. Other children who survive are: Merlin Smith, Mrs. Wm. Kluth and Mrs. Otto Kluth, all of whom live near the old home place. Mrs. Nicholas Wagner of Maryville and Mrs. Jesse Tanner at home. Three brothers and a sister also survive. They are: Hiram Bogges of Pea Ridge, Ark.; Anderson Bogges of Rochester, Ind.; Chas. Bogges of Menthone, Ind., and Mrs. Millie Ellinger of South Bend, Ind.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Workman Chapel, the funeral sermon being preached by Rev. T. H. Wiles of the Baptist church. Burial was in the cemetery at the Chapel.

WAS A "GIVING" CHRISTMAS

War Activities and Needy Persons Were Remembered by Members of the First M. E. Church

The Christmas program at the First M. E. church was given Monday evening with various war activities being substantially remembered, together with the needy of Maryville, over \$55 in provisions and money being given to the Welfare Board and twelve boxes and Christmas dinners distributed to as many families. For the Armenian and Syrian relief fund, \$32 was given, while the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. were also included for various amounts. The Young Woman's Missionary Society sent \$15 worth of clothing for the Home Missionary minister and the Home Missionary Society gave \$25 worth of clothing and \$9.50 in money to another pastor. George Hartman, janitor of the church, was also substantially remembered.

The program itself consisted of readings, songs and class presentations and was enjoyed by a large number.

Death of Mrs. Carl Eickholt.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carl Eickholt, who died Sunday morning at her home in Conception, were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Conception Abbey, conducted by Rev. Father Placid. Burial was in St. Columbia cemetery. Mrs. Eickholt was 57 years old. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Home to Visit Parents.

Miss Lila M. Tabler, secretary and shorthand teacher in the Central Business College at Abilene, Texas, arrived Saturday to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tabler. She was accompanied by little Miss Virginia Buchanan, who will also visit at the Tabler home.

TAX WILL MISS FEW

FARMERS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN INCLUDED

ALL MUST MAKE REPORT

Collector Harber Says the Best Way to Play Safe Is to Call On the Income Tax Man When He Comes

Internal Revenue Collector E. M. Harber of Kansas City says that it will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law and announces that 32 officers will start from his headquarters on January 1 and on January 2 every one of them will be on the job in the county assigned him, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns. The officer assigned to this county is due to arrive at the following places and remain there as shown after the name of the town: Maryville—

From Jan. 21 to 27 at court house.

Burlington Junction—

On January 25 only. See Postmaster.

Hopkins—

On Jan. 29 only. See postmaster.

Barnard—

On Jan. 30 only. See postmaster.

"It will be well," says Mr. Harber in a letter to the Democrat Forum, "for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is over \$1,000 or over and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay." Collector Harber said today. "The person subject to tax who doesn't make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The government will get after all income tax slackers."

"There's hardly a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay the tax. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1,000 or \$2,000, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play it safe by calling on the income tax man."

"The man in the field will have forms for everybody and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write to my office for forms."

MILLER FUNERAL SATURDAY

Remains of L. Miller, Former Well Known Resident, Will Arrive From Florida Tomorrow

The remains of L. Miller, who died at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Monday, will arrive in Maryville probably Thursday night and will be taken to the Price & McNeal undertaking parlors. The funeral services will be held at the Christian church at one o'clock Saturday afternoon and will be conducted by Rev. C. Emerson Miller. Burial will take place in Miriam cemetery.

Mr. Miller was a resident of this county for fifty years and removed to St. Petersburg seven years ago. He was prominent in the affairs of the county and was for a number of years a member of the board of directors of the old Nodaway County Fair association. He is survived by two sons, J. W. Miller of Barnard and R. W. Miller of St. Petersburg, Fla.

PATRIOTISM WINS REWARD

Employees of the Alderman-Yehle Dry Goods Store Get Baby Bonds and Vacation On Full Pay

It pays to be patriotic. At least the employees of the Alderman-Yehle dry goods store are of that opinion.

Some twenty-five salespeople were called into the office Christmas evening, when Conrad Yehle asked them what they would prefer as a Christmas present from the firm—a war savings certificate, or a week's vacation on full pay.

The response was unanimous for a war savings certificate.

"We are glad you are patriotic enough in this time of stress to want to help the government," said Mr. Yehle, "and we'll just give you both." Miss Dollie Wood, Miss Addie Yeo and Miss Ina Campbell took with them on their vacation, which began this morning, a war savings certificate. Other employees of the company will take vacations as the absentees return and each will receive a war savings certificate.

WILL THE STATES VOTE WET OR DRY

FIGHTS LOOM UP AS RESULT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

"13" WILL BE LUCKY NUMBER FOR THE WETS

Members of Congress, With the Problem Out of Their Way, Now Have Visions of Peace

(By W. C. Van Cleave)
Washington, D. C., December 18, 1917.

Many members of congress will spend the Christmas holidays of 1917 with lighter hearts than usual. A great burden has been lifted from their shoulders and a threatening menace from their pathway. During recent years the question of national prohibition has appeared with every session of congress and with many of the members their days were uneasy and their dreams were troubled. The problem is now removed to the states and the members of the two legislatures have been handed a Christmas package that will make many of them think they have inherited a German bomb.

"Times have indeed changed!" the proposition of national prohibition had been seriously presented to the national congress ten years ago it would have been laughed out of court. If anyone will recall the days less than thirty years ago when an open bar was operated in the capitol building immediately below the hall of the house where the members meet in official sessions and the maudlin condition in which men oftentimes legislated for the nation, he can better appreciate the picture of more than four hundred sober, serious men voting to refer this question to the states in 1917. When those days are recalled it is not a matter of wonder that in the reckless sessions of consideration, deals were put through that smelled to heaven, and that the government was robbed and the taxpayer defrauded.

But a sober congress is legislating now in a dry town. Not bone dry, to be sure; there are leaks at the spigot, but the bung hole is plugged. Nearly four hundred saloons have disappeared from Washington since the close of the last session of congress in October. The city is not a desert yet, but the river is dammed and the overflow is at Baltimore.

The amendment to be submitted to the states allows seven years in which the states may ratify it. If three-fourths of the states, through their legislatures, do not ratify the action of congress within seven years, the

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"This is for You." GOOD OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY BALL.

Thursday, Dec. 27, 1917

Everybody Come. Big, little, young and old. One evening of real pleasure.

W. O. W. Hall
Dances for All.

RED CROSS WORK ON

WITH CAMPAIGN OVER WORKERS STRIVE FOR GOAL

REPORTS IN NOT FINAL

Total New Members in the Christmas Drive, 4,724—Solicitors Will Keep Busy Until December 31st

Nodaway county failed to get "over the top" in the Red Cross Christmas Membership campaign drive that closed Christmas Eve. At noon today the township chairman had reported a total of 4,724 new members. County Manager F. P. Robinson gave directions that the campaign be continued until the end of the year, as with but a few over 1,000 to go the workers are sure that they can reach the goal.

The following is a detailed report from each of the townships:

Polk township	1,500
Independence township	449
Hughes township	209
Acheson township	315
Monroe township	315
Grant township	275
Union township	300
Jackson township	330
Hopkins township	336
White Cloud township	40
Green township	100
Jefferson township	60
Washington township	202

Total - - - - - 4,724

There are yet hundreds of people in Maryville who have not been seen by the solicitors. This is also true in the other towns in the county. Manager Robinson urges that those in Maryville who have been missed to phone his office and a messenger will be sent for their subscription. Township managers are also anxious to know of those who have not been seen.

LED RELIEF TO AMERICANS

Lieut. I. V. Davis, of Hopkins Took Charge of the Raided Section of French Trenches

Lieut. I. V. Davis of Hopkins, Mo., Sixteenth Infantry, A. E. F., was ordered up to the front after the Germans raided a section of trenches recently to take charge of the raided section. He writes back:

"I suppose you read in the papers where the American troops were in their first action 'somewhere in France.' Well, I was there on the ground, but not in the front line. The boche raided our trenches early one morning and I was in bed in a village some distance in the rear of the lines. When the bombardment commenced I awoke, but did not get up. The shells were screaming over the village and bursting far beyond. I just laid still, expecting every minute the shells to strike our village, but none did. Before noon I was ordered out to the front lines to take command of the raided section with new troops, and I sure had some time for several days."

"I have been up to the front for twenty-five days and may go again soon. I believe the papers stated our losses as twenty all told, which is correct. Boche losses unknown, but there must have been some."

"This regiment sure has done its duty to the United States, for we subscribed \$270,000 to the Liberty Loan, that being \$50,000 more than any other regiment in France. This First brigade was also the first to capture a boche."

DEATH OF ELMO YOUNG WOMAN

Miss Hazel Livengood, Music Teacher, Was Sick But a Short Time

Miss Hazel Livengood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Livengood, died early this morning at her home in Elmo after a short illness since last Thursday. Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church in Elmo Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and will be conducted by the Rev. W. F. Burris of Maryville. Burial will take place in the Odd Fellows' cemetery in Elmo.

Miss Livengood was twenty-one years old and was a music teacher. She was pianist at the M. E. church. She is survived by her parents and five brothers, Basil, Lowell, Ogel, Marvin and Kenneth.

J. E. Cameron Here.
John E. Cameron, formerly head of the agricultural department of the State Normal school here, is visiting here this week and looking after his farm west of Maryville. Mr. Cameron is also farming near Iowa City, Ia.

WORD IS HERE FROM FRANCIS

Messenger Arrives With Dispatches In a Mail Pouch Chained to His Wrist—No Word from Kerensky

Special to The Democrat Forum.
An Atlantic Port, Dec. 26.—Carrying important dispatches from American ambassador David R. Francis, at Petrograd to secretary of state, Robert Lansing, Messenger Williams arrived here today. Some idea of the importance of the dispatches carried is furnished by the fact that Williams carried them in a mail pouch chained to his wrist, using the pouch for a pillow when he slept.

The messenger said that nothing had been heard from former Premier Kerensky, since the report that he was at the head of an army that was marching on Petrograd.

BURROW WAY THROUGH SNOW

Terrific Fighting in Northern Italy Is Being Carried On In Zero Weather

Special to The Democrat Forum.

London, Dec. 26.—Terrific fighting in northern Italy was carried out in zero weather. Both the Italians and Austro-Germans have made gains, according to advices today. Berlin claims the capture of Gol Del Rosso and the adjacent heights, along with 9,000 prisoners, while Rome announced that most of the ground lost Sunday was retaken, together with numerous machine guns and cannon. Fighting is raging on both sides of the Brenta, and in the mountains the men have been compelled to burrow their way forward through deep snow drifts. The Italian war office states that from more to seven feet of snow has fallen at various places in the Valtellina Alps.

HAUL WOOD TO NEEDY HOMES

Members of Friendship Class of First M. E. Church Spent Christmas In a Novel Manner

Members of the Friendship class of the First M. E. church helped a number of needy families to tide over a part of the winter by furnishing fuel in the shape of driftwood from the river. Some ten members of the class started out yesterday morning and soon had two big wagon loads collected from the banks of the river. It was loaded up and brought to town and distributed a several homes where fuel was scarce. The boys entered into the spirit of Christmas giving heartily and expect to find further activities along the same line to keep them occupied during the winter.

Members of the class are: Emmett Bartram, Clark Evans, Howard Anderson, Lowell Andrews, Howard McFarland, Chester Lyle, Lawrence and Earl Lattin, Ewell Ramsey, Ralph Aley and Bennie Howard. L. B. Tracy is the teacher.

Home On Sick Furlough.

Claud L. Tabler of the 139th regiment supply company, who recently underwent an operation at the post hospital at Fort Sill, arrived Saturday night to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tabler.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brewer and son, Arthur, are spending the holidays in St. Joseph with Mrs. Brewer's sister, Mrs. Walter D. Ladd, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover of Alberta, Canada, arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. Hoover's sisters, Mrs. Chas. Jensen and Mrs. William Doyle.

CIVIL WAR SPREADS

LONDON DISPATCH SAYS BOLSHIEVIKI GOVERNMENT SHAKES

TROOPS BACK TO FRONT

Despite Armistice Terms That Troops Will Not Be Moved, Germany Is Returning Armies to Border

Special to The Democrat Forum.
London, Dec. 26.—The power of the Bolsheviks at Petrograd has been severely shaken and the radicals have been compelled to remodel their cabinet, taking in seven others of the revolutionary party.

Russia's civil war continues to spread and fighting has taken place in various parts of the country. The outcome of the first phase of the Russo-German peace negotiations is not yet officially known but there is a wide-spread feeling that peace will be concluded. A Copenhagen dispatch says the Bolshevik government has been asked by Germany to postpone most of the session here with the delegates until January 24 in order to give the German government time to study the Russian peace terms and consult here with the Allies.

Copenhagen, Dec. 26.—Russia's civil war has extended to interior Siberia and reports of hard fighting in that district was received here today. The Cossacks suffered a slight reverse near Bielgorod, the Ukrainian sailors from the Black Sea fleet having reinforced the Bolshevik troops.

Germany has begun to mass troops on the Roumanian front despite the terms of the armistice that there will be no troop movements during its existence.

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—A convention of anarchists will open in this city January 7, it was announced today.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Sharp measures have been taken by the United States to prevent any Bolshevik operations in this country. In admitting this today officials of the department of justice simultaneously clamped down the lid in explaining just what is being done to prevent revolutionary movements being fostered from the United States. Until a complete report is received from port officials on the Pacific coast regarding the presence of rifles and ammunition alleged to have been brought in a Russian vessel, the Shriika, manned by a Bolshevik crew, the department refuses to confirm the report that munitions were consigned to the I. W. W. for revolutionary purposes.

Daniel Devez Miller, who had been ordered to report in St. Louis the morning of December 27th for United States navy service, received further orders yesterday noon from the commanding officer at the St. Louis headquarters recruiting station not to report at St. Louis until further orders, but to be ready to come on twelve hours notice.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Allender and son, William Wallis Allender, of Atlantic, Iowa, arrived Monday for a Christmas visit with relatives in this city.

THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Thursday; slowly rising temperature.

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The War Savings Plan

The new war savings plan offers every man, woman and child in the country a chance to open a savings with the United States Government. It is made so very easy, and you don't even need to begin with a large amount. You can begin with the purchase of a THRIFT STAMP for 25 cents. These Thrift Stamps are to be attached by you to a Thrift Card. This card has spaces for sixteen of the Thrift Stamps. The Thrift Card, when filled, represents a value of \$4. Take it to a bank or post office and exchange it for a War Savings Stamp, paying the few pennies difference.

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STATE'S PUBLIC SURFACED ROADS

Of a Total of 96,000 Miles, But 7,000 Miles are as Yet Hard Surfaced — A Good Showing

Columbia, Dec. 24.—The total of Missouri public rural roads approximate 96,000 miles, of which somewhat more than 7,000, or 7 1/2 per cent are surfaced, according to Dean E. J. McCaustland of the University of Missouri College of Engineering, after studying figures on the expenditures of the various states in 1916 for roads and bridges, recently made public by the Division of Economics of Public Roads and Rural Engineering.

State funds expended under the supervision of the state highway department for the year amount to \$482,859, of which \$279,548 was used in construction, \$198,226 in maintenance and \$10,085 in administration, Dean McCaustland found.

The division estimates that local bridge and road expenditures not under the state highway department amounted to approximately \$7,500,000. In the matter of maintenance it is estimated that 9,000 miles were kept in repair by state aid during the year; also it was estimated that \$700,000 would be available from state funds for all purposes for 1917.

In comparison with other states Missouri makes a reasonably fair showing, according to McCaustland. He points that Iowa is credited with only one percent of surfaced roads; Kansas with 1 3/10; Illinois, 13; Arkansas 3; Nebraska 1 7/10.

"The Missouri state aid law was passed in 1907, and up to January 1, 1917, more than \$2,250,000 of state funds had been expended for road work," said McCaustland. "There is no doubt that under the new organization of our highway department and with federal aid future funds will be much more effectively used than has been possible in the past."

Some New Tax Payers.

In one section of the questionnaires mailed to men liable to draft they are asked whether or not they pay taxes and how much. As a result several men have visited the county assessor's office and listed their property for taxation, asking that they be allowed to pay their tax at once and get a receipt for same. These men have never been on the tax roll and it is probable that they think they have better chance for exemption if they are tax payers.

Marriage Licenses.

The following have been issued marriage permits:
Robert Evert Archer and Ethel Ellen Williams, both of Burlington Junction.
Ewell M. Montgomery, Clarinda, Ia., and Dorothy Palmer of Maryville.
Athol W. West and Bertha L. Lewis, both of Ravenwood.
Guy Gray and Lula Grace Carmichael, both of Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Kansas City spent Christmas in Maryville with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rigney.

FOR BELIEVERS IN OMENS

Numerous Popular Superstitions, Many of Which Are Common Among Men on the Briny Deep.

A well-known superstition is that will-o'-the-wisps, or devil's eyes, seen on the tips of the spars after a gale in the tropics, appear only when the ship is nearing her doom.

A cross-eyed man for a messmate means plenty of good luck, Jack thinks, and it is the best of luck to sail under a red-haired skipper. If, however, he happens to have cross eyes, also, the combination is fatal, and trouble will be experienced before the voyage is ended.

Sunday is considered a fortunate day upon which to begin a voyage, while Friday is, of course, very unlucky.

If the ship's bell is made to toll by the rolling of the vessel it is a sign that there is going to be a loss of life.

All luck is disposed to desert a ship which carries a dead body.

Sailors have been known to hang the end of a rope over the side of a ship when leaving port. The belief is that friends and relatives draw upon this rope, causing the vessel to come safely back.

It is a common belief that for a barber to tether the face of a patron with a single stroke of the brush inevitably brings bad luck.

It is considered bad luck to see a hunchback in the mirror standing or passing back of one. It is said to foretell a death in the family.

The habit of sitting with legs crossed in a barber shop will, it is said, make the hair come out early in life, and render a man prematurely bald.

To be shaved by a red-headed barber is believed by many to be a sure cure for rheumatism.

Good luck is said to follow the man who has his shoes polished at the time he is being shaved.

MOON INFLUENCE IS ABSURD

Phases of the Great Night Illuminator Have Nothing to Do With Crops, Say Scientists.

In the farmers' almanacs you will find tables of dates proper for planting crops, killing hogs and so on based upon the phases of the moon. And the Rural New Yorker is authority for the statement that many farmers still adhere faithfully to this ancient system. To show them how absurd this is, it prints the following statement by C. F. Marvin, chief of the United States weather bureau:

"It is the general belief of scientists that the moon has no appreciable influence on temperature, rainfall, or any other weather element, or on plant growth.

"Plant growth depends upon temperature, light, humidity and plantfood (both in the soil and in the air), and its availability. Obviously the moon neither mellowes the ground nor fertilizes it, neither does it alter the composition of the atmosphere; hence it affects neither the mechanical condition of the soil nor the kind or quantity of available plantfood.

"If the moon has any influence on plant growth it would seem that it must exert this influence through its light. Experiment, however, shows that when a plant is so shadowed that it gets only one one-hundredth of normal daylight, it grows but little better than it does in absolute darkness. Full daylight is about 600,000 times brighter than full moonlight; hence one one-hundredth of daylight, already too feeble to stimulate appreciable plant activity, is still 6,000 times brighter than full moonlight. The conclusion is that, even in respect to light stimulus, the moon's influence on plant growth is wholly negligible."

Work and the Busy World.

Are you one of the persons who cannot work in a crowd? If you are, you are a most unfortunate person, for it is a fact that in this busy age most of us have to learn to do our work wherever we may happen to be. It is seldom that we find it possible to work in seclusion, shut away from the noise and rush of business, observes an efficiency engineer.

Most large business concerns are beehives of activity. Unless one can find it possible to concentrate on the work in hand, even in the midst of confusion, it is plain to see that much time will be lost and much energy wasted in this rushing world, where each one faces many duties in many lines of activity.

Soya Beans as Food.

The Soya bean promises to become one of the most important food materials of the vegetable kingdom, declares the Pathfinder. Milk in either a powdered or a liquid form is being produced from it, the oil can be hardened into an edible fat or used satisfactorily as a substitute for lard. The beans in the natural state make a palatable, nutritious dish when properly cooked, and the pulp which remains after the oil has been expressed is excellent for feeding to live stock.

To Wax Floors.

Apply by means of a flannel cloth beeswax which has been thinned with turpentine. Then rub into the floor well. This is a hard wax and can hardly be applied without the turpentine, but the latter quickly evaporates and the wax then forms a very durable finish. If one has no beeswax, paraffin wax will do just as well, but it is less durable.

BIG RED CROSS SEAL SALES

Total Receipts This Year of Little Mercy Stickers Will Reach Over Three Million Dollars

Washington, Dec. 26.—From a sale of \$3,000 to sales of \$3,000,000 is the history from start to present of the little Red Cross Christmas seal which you casually stick on all your mail this time of the year.

Now, with all the world seared in the flames of war, the history of the progress of Red Cross Christmas seals is particularly interesting.

Originating in Norway, where the proceeds were used to fight disease, the idea was imported into this country by Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Del., a well known social worker.

In 1907 Miss Bissell launched the first campaign, with the object of providing funds to fight tuberculosis and other diseases.

The seals looked like Christmas, the plan back of them was the Christ, the idea with people grasped the idea with delight. They looked good on Christmas mail and they did good. That year \$3,000 was raised.

The American Red Cross was asked to take over the work. After some hesitation they did so. In 1908, \$135,000 worth of the little stickers were sold. It became a national institution. So successful was the idea and so useful were the funds in fighting tuberculosis that the national association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis was asked to adopt the work.

Last year saw 105,000,000 stamps sold. The total sales for nine years reached \$4,300,000.

This year 300,000,000 stamps is the goal. The Red Cross working with the national association hopes to raise \$3,000,000.

Most of the money is used in the respective localities where it is raised, so that 99 per cent of the money remains in the community where it was raised. The Red Cross takes 10 per cent to cover actual expenses of the campaign.

HUNGRY PORKERS CUT DOWN DAIRY OUTPUT

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26.—Ernest E. Gourley, a dairyman, became discouraged because his cows gave such a small quantity of milk. Then he became suspicious and established a close watch over his bovines. He also owned several pigs which were becoming fat very rapidly. Presto! The pigs were helping themselves to the milk. Now the pigs are separated from the cows and the dairy business has picked up.

"Hans" Distrust Banks.

New York, Dec. 26.—Fearing the banks and possibly seizure by the government, approximately 60,000 Hungarians here are hoarding \$100,000,000. Their unrest follows the second declaration of war by the United States. The banks have begun a campaign of education to reassure such depositors and induce them to again place their money in banks so that it may, in turn, be placed in circulation.

Generals Average 60 Years.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The ages of generals on the new war council average about sixty years. The ages of some of them are as follows:
Chief of Staff Bliss, 64; Major General Crozier, 63; Major General Crowler, 58; Major General Sharpe, 57; General Scott, 64; General Black, 62.

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CREDITS FOR RURAL PUPILS

Will be Excused From Final Exams In Agriculture If Club Projects Are Successfully Completed

Superintendent Bert Cooper has just been advised by State Superintendent Lamkin that boys and girls in the rural schools are to be given official recognition of club work done during the year, relieving them of the final examination in agriculture necessary to secure a common school diploma. Superintendent Lamkin says in his letter:

"Pupils who carry out successfully two projects in their club work, the same being approved by the state leader of boys' and girls' clubs, shall be excused from the final examination in agriculture necessary to secure the common school diploma and shall be given credit for acceptable work on that subject. In every case the state leader of boys' and girls' clubs must certify to the county superintendent of schools that the two projects have been successfully completed."

HALF-NUDE CABARET DANCERS UNMOLESTED UNTIL AFTER NEW YEAR

New York, Dec. 26.—District Attorney Swann is continuing his investigation into indecent theatrical performances and cabarets along the "Great White Way" with the apparent plan to begin prosecutions as soon as Mayor Mitchell is succeeded by Mayor-elect Hylan. The change will not be made until after the first of the year.

The district attorney has evidence that many women, or young girls, are appearing in "peep ballets" with about as much clothes on as when they entered the world.

With the exception of an imitation bearskin, a narrow strip of which extends from the waistline to the shoulders in front, girls appear with nothing on above the waist. Others

have appeared nude from the feet almost to the thighs.

Obituary.

Mrs. Lida Burnam was born at Ulica, Ohio, January 30, 1861, and died at her home, 1501 Jule street, St. Joseph, Mo., December 23, 1917, aged 56 years, 10 months, 24 days. She was united in marriage to H. E. Burnam, February 3, 1883, at Quitman, Mo. Two children were born to the union. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Cattie Litter of St. Joseph, and a son, Harlan Leslie Burnam, at home, one grand-daughter, Neva Leona Litter, two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Gladfelter of Quitman and Mrs. Warren Jones of this city. She united with the Christian church at Quitman, Mo., in 1890, and lived a true and faithful Christian. The funeral was held at the home, December 24, at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. M. Chilton, pastor of the First Christian church. Burial at Mount Auburn cemetery.

Wray - Carmichael.

Guy Wray and Miss Lela Grace Carmichael, both of Hopkins, were married yesterday at Pickering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carmichael. The wedding ceremony was performed by the bride's grandfather, after which the invited guests and relatives present enjoyed a splendid dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Wray will make their home for the present at the home of the groom's parents.

Earl Graham Slemons.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Slemons of Rock Port announce the birth, Monday, December 24, of a son, whom they have named Earl Graham. Mrs. Slemons was formerly Miss Mary Fordyce of Maryville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. James and Mrs. Martha Martin drove to Skidmore yesterday to see Martin Owens, who is home on short furlough from the Great Lakes naval training school at Camp Decatur, Ill.

GAVE COMMAND FOR FIRST SHOT AT KAISER

Roodhouse, Ill., Dec. 26.—Central Illinois has the distinction of giving to Uncle Sam the man who ordered the first American shell fired against the Germans in France. He is Major John R. Starkey of this city. And it was an Irish "Sammy" from Illinois who fired the first shot. Major Starkey designated the gun and the gunner who sent the first historic shell at the Kaiser.

Word to this effect has been received here by relatives in a letter from the hero. When the war broke out the major was detailed to Gen. John J. Pershing's command and is now serving with "Black Jack," "over there."

Mrs. Jesse Tanner, who has been confined at St. Francis hospital for several days, is reported improved today. Her husband, who has been at Camp Funston, is home for a short furlough.

Harold James, an employee of the Central State Mortgage company of St. Joseph, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. James.

RECORD IN MAKING OF COINS GOES GLIMMERING

Denver, Dec. 26.—The Denver government mint is working day and night to meet the demand for pennies and other small coins caused by the "odd" change necessary in the payment of the new war taxes. Exactly 19,004,000 pieces were coined during November. This was a record-breaker for the Denver mint. The superintendent says the record for this month will be the greatest in the history of the mint. Excepting December, 65,309,800 coins were minted this year, the largest in denomination being fifty-cent pieces.

Relations Broken Off.

New York, Dec. 26.—A London exchange pauses long enough between war news stories to remark: "Another three days have passed and the Kaiser has failed to mention 'Me und Gott.'" The remark appears beneath the caption: "Relations Broken Off."

Howard and Mabel Patterson and Adah Ware of Barnard left this morning for St. Joseph, where they will visit several days.

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Fancy select oysters, pint 40c, qt. 75c	Best Rice Pop Corn, shelled, 4 lbs 25c
Best quality (new goods) pecans or Brazil nuts, per lb.....15c	Solid Northern cabbage, 8 lbs.....25c
Florida Grape Fruit, large, 3 for.....25c	9 lbs red onions.....25c
Medium size, 4 for.....25c	Hominy grits, per pkg.....15c
Gallon pail country sorghum.....95c	Graham flour, fresh ground, sack.....35c
Sugar cured hams, very choicest quality, lb.....27 1/2c	10 lbs pinto beans.....\$1.00
Will cut these if too large	100 lb sacks chushed shell.....80c
Iowa Pride bacon, the 60c kind, lb 45c	Pearl Barley, 2 pkgs.....25c
No. 1 lean bacon, per lb.....37c	Albers Calif. wheat Flakes, pkg.....20c
No. 2 cans milk hominy, 2 for.....25c	Small cans milk, 3 for.....20c
Van Camps large cans kraut.....16c	Large cans milk, 3 for.....40c
No. 2 cans string beans.....11c	Eagle milk, can.....30c
No. 1 cans pork and beans, with tomato sauce, 3 for.....25c	Red Kidney beans, No. 2 cans, 2 for 25c
Small cans Pork and Beans, with tomato Sauce, 2 for.....15c	Best Lima Beans, 2 cans.....25c
1 lb net weight cans Crisco.....28c	Bulk pea nut butter, highest quality per lb.....25c
Country lard, per lb.....30c	25c pkgs self rising pan cake flour 20c
50 lb lots at.....28c	Jack Frost buck wheat flour, 2 pkgs for.....25c
8 lb pails extra family lake fish.....90c	Pure buck wheat (Berlin, Wis.) Wright's old fashioned, 12 lb sack \$1
30c cans 1 lb net weight Tropical Coffee for.....26c	Walter Baker's ground chocolate, 1/2 lb can for.....15c
25c cans Royal Crown coffee for.....23c	Jello, any kind, 3 for.....25c
Dernell's potato chips, pkg.....10c	No. 2 cans sugar corn.....11c
Large dill pickles, 3 for 5c; dozen.....15c	No. 2 cans best tomatoes.....9c
Choice cranberries, quart.....15c	3 large cans hominy.....25c
Fancy Jonathan apples, peck.....60c	3 large cans pumpkin.....30c
barrel.....\$5.75	New crop Calif. Lima Beans, lb.....15c
Ben Davis apples, bbl.....\$3.75	Peck turnips 15c; bushel.....55c
Wine Sap apples, bbl.....\$3.85	Ohio potatoes, bushel.....\$1.25
1/2 lb pails jelly.....35c	

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Prayer Circle.

The Wednesday Prayer Circle met this morning with Mrs. Henry Eckert. Mrs. Raymond Barry was leader.

Entertained Elmo Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hopper entertained at dinner yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beaver and son, Cecil, and Mrs. Earl Hopper and son, Garth, of Elmo.

Family Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hudson entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hudson, Miss Nell Hudson, Ralph, Herbert and Edward Hudson.

Guild Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Westminster Guild, which was to have been held tomorrow night, has been postponed. The time of the meeting will be announced later.

At Sunday Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Townsend entertained at dinner Sunday their grandchildren: Miss Olivet Godsey, Mrs. Townsend Godsey, Mrs. Robert Godsey, Mrs. Edward Godsey, Geo. T. Smith of St. Joseph and William Groppe.

For Kansas City Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Robinson gave a Christmas dinner yesterday noon at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller of Kansas City. Additional guests included, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Gray, Mrs. Katherine Miller and Miss Virginia Robinson.

Miles-Logue Marriage.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Lucile Logue of Rock Port and H. E. Miles, advertising solicitor for the Maryville Tribune, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Miles came to Maryville last night to make their home here.

Christmas Dinner.

Mrs. Wm. McComb entertained at Christmas dinner Tuesday the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McComb, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Shell, Mrs. Sarah Slates, Mabel Patterson, Hazel Dawn McComb, Robert Patterson, Frank McComb, Howard and Jimmie Patterson.

Entertain Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McLarnon gave a Christmas dinner for their children. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Switzer and Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLarnon and little daughter of St. Joseph, Miss Margaret McLarnon of Topeka, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLarnon.

Dinner Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lucas had as their Christmas dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Wright and daughters, Lola and Marie, and son, Simeon, Mrs. Rebecca Gray and Miss Lucile Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas entertained at dinner today Miss Mattie Clayton of Grant City and little Miss Virginia Bennett.

Mrs. Robinson Entertains.

Mrs. T. L. Robinson was the hostess of a Christmas dinner yesterday noon at her home. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson and sons, Theodore, James and Chilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ray, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bell and son, Charles Robinson, Mrs. Hosca Torrance, Miss Mary Woodbridge and Miss Margaret Ray.

Seafers' Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Seafers entertained with a turkey dinner yesterday at their home on West Second street. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curfina and children, Lula May, John and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Welborn and baby daughter, Edna Belle, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Gooden and Geo. Spurgeon.

Family Reunion at Bolckow.

A family reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goforth was held at Bolckow yesterday. All of the children were present. They were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goforth and Miss Doris Marie and Donald Goforth of Maryville; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goforth and children of Rea; Mr. and Mrs. Weir Cooper, Miss Bertha Goforth and Cecil Goforth of Bolckow.

Grays Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gray entertained guests with a turkey dinner yesterday at their home, 604 South Fillmore street. Covers were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gray and family, of Pickering, Mrs. J. E. Alexander and son, Erven, of Lincoln, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gumm and little daughter, Winifred Louise, of Lexington, Nebr., Misses Roine and Doris Gray of Maryville and Mr. Sam Shelman of Blackfoot, Idaho.

L. I. Club.

The L. I. club met at the home of Mrs. Martin Burch last Thursday. Sev-

en members were present and the time was spent in knitting and socially. There was music by Miss Jennie Ringgold. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Pope. The following report of contributions to the war relief fund was submitted: To knitting fund, \$12.00; Red Cross, \$5.00; surgical dressings, \$13.00; number of pillows made, 25; number of kits made, 12, 11 of them being filled; number of linens and wash cloths, 104 pieces; number of surgical dressings, 35 pieces. Some of these were donated by non-club members.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall entertained as guests at dinner Sunday the following: Mrs. Emma Praiswater and daughter, Miss Bessie of Fillmore, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Fleming and daughter, of Fillmore, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. James Kneale, Fillmore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waegle and children of Fillmore, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Praiswater and children of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lytle of Fillmore and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Neese and daughter, of Maryville.

Christmas Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson entertained at a Christmas dinner yesterday at their home near Graham. Their guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Tullen and son, William, Miss Cora Byington, Dr. J. Findley of Graham; Miss June Findley of Denton, Texas; Miles McNeal of McNeal, Ariz.; J. Pittsberger of Barnard; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lyle and sons, William and Charles Henry; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gex and children, Joe, Mary, Louise, Brookling, Stanley and Virgil; Miss Minnie Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anderson of Maryville.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lewis entertained at Christmas dinner yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Emery Airy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Jensen and daughters, Mildred and Ruth, Fred Lewis, Martin Lewis Jr., and Miss Mary Lewis. Martin Lewis, Jr., went to St. Joseph today to spend a few days.

Entertained at Christmas Dinner.

Mrs. John Frazee, assisted by her daughter, Rosella, entertained at Christmas dinner the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Frazee and daughter, Dortha Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Frazee and son, John, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kinney, Chester Frazee and Remus Bland of Valley Crucis, N. C.

Williams-Archer Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Williams, daughter of Samuel R. Williams of Burlington Junction, to Everett Archer, took place at 8 o'clock Christmas morning at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. D. H. Arnold of Burlington Junction. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ernest R. Sulder. After a visit until the first of the year with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Archer will go to Stoddard county, Mo., to make their home.

Christmas Dinner.

The children and grandchildren of Mrs. J. M. Hughes gathered at her home on West Twelfth street yesterday to spend Christmas day. An elaborate dinner was served for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Perry Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Trullinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Manning Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lawson, W. R. Hughes, Miss Cordelia Hughes, Miss Mildred Trullinger, Miss Lora McDowell, Audrey Craig, Mabel Craig, Galen Hughes, Robert and Dale Hughes, Carl Craig, Roy Moore and Forest McDowell.

Entertained at Christmas Dinner.

J. T. Hays and daughter, Mrs. Elvira B. Dawson of 405 West 12th street entertained at Christmas dinner the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. William Argo and children, Vergil Alta, Oren, Merlin, Myrtle, Della, Elvira and James, Mr. and Mrs. Milton R. Hays and children, Hollis, Hermione, Opal and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl

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TWO TRAGIC DEATHS

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the gun was discharged, the shot striking young Deshazer in the throat. The younger boys screamed for help and their father, M. Hineman, who was cutting brush nearby, ran to their aid. One of the Hineman boys was powder burned by the discharged gun.

Coroner H. S. Rowlett was called, and after viewing the body and hearing the statements of the two boys, decided that an inquest was not necessary, it being shown conclusively that the gun was accidentally discharged. The two Hineman boys were so shocked by the tragedy that they were unable to tell in detail just how it occurred.

Young Deshazer, who was a cousin of the Hineman boys, had gone from his home near Orrsburg to spend the day with them.

Funeral services will be held at Parnell when relatives who have been advised of the accident have been heard from.

DEATH OF SKIDMORE RESIDENT

Mrs. Angeline Oren Died Early This Morning at Her Home There

Mrs. Angeline Oren, 73 years old, died at her home in Skidmore early this morning of a complication of diseases. A short funeral service will be held Thursday morning at the home at 10 o'clock and the body will be taken to New Point, where funeral and burial services will be held on Thursday afternoon. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Miller and Mrs. J. C. Spahr of Skidmore; and two sisters, Mrs. D. R. Felix of Oklahoma and Mrs. J. Whitmer of Mound City; and a brother, George Pollack of New Point.

WANTED — Baled hay and straw, good corn or oats. Wm. Everhart.

Was Nineteenth On List.

A Neil Somerville, agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company, received word today that he was nineteenth in the first fifty agents for paid up business during the month of November. These agents are from all over the United States.

FOUND—Small leather pocketbook, containing sum of silver money. Owner may have by calling at Tindall & Smith's plumbing shop, poring property and paying for ad. 26-28

Claud Glass, who is employed by the Central States Loan company of St. Joseph, spent Christmas in Maryville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Glass.

Which Are You For?



The Angel of Mercy or The Fiend of Hell?

Every loyal man, woman and child in all America is on the side of justice and mercy and against the hideous barbarities that the Kaiser has instructed his men to commit.

Every loyal man, woman and child in America is solidly back of President Wilson when he says, "This intolerable Thing of which the masters of Germany have shown us the ugly face, this menace of combined intrigue and force which we now see so clearly as the German power, a Thing without conscience or honor or capacity for covenant-ed peace, must be crushed."

A membership in the American Red Cross costs you only \$1.00. And that dollar will help crush "this intolerable Thing" of which President Wilson speaks. If you have neglected to take out membership for your entire family, do so at once. Let us put Nodaway county over the top.

WEAR A RED CROSS BUTTON AND PUT A RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG IN YOUR WINDOW.

100 per cent under your flag means that every member of your household has joined the Red Cross.

This space donated by the Democrat-Forum.

RAW FURS

The market is high on all kinds of FURS. Write for Special No. 1. CHAS. A. JENSEN, buyer of Furs, Hides, Produce, Maryville, Mo.

Another Cost Item

The new boiler arrived after being just one month on the way from Barberton, Ohio. We suppose that this is excellent time for freight, considering present conditions. When we ordered this boiler we had hoped to have same for our December load. But soon found this was not possible and we are lucky to have obtained this material at all.

This boiler is just like the other two which we have installed, being of three hundred horsepower, but cost us just twice what our last purchase did in the fall of 1914. There is but little doubt that after the war when the price of material becomes normal we could have purchased this boiler at nearly the old price, but the demands of the public service made it imperative that we install same at once, so that the unit we are now installing will depreciate one-half in value in a few years.

All such items are part of our cost of operation and the public should not neglect to consider these matters when they figure the heavy profits that some people will tell you that a public utility makes. As a matter of fact, there is no other business with an equal amount of capital invested which would be satisfied with as small a return on the investment as the companies which are operating the public utilities.

Maryville Electric Light and Power Company
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Classified ads running three days or more will be inserted in this column for one-half cent per word each insertion. No ads taken for less than 25¢ for three days.
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Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for cash with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all Want Ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 211f

FOR SALE—Johnson-Co. white seec corn in ear, (guaranteed to give satisfactory test, ready now. Call Farmers 41-15 or Hanamo 108. M. C. Thompson. 17f

FOR SALE—A few barrels choice Jonathan apples, sold by the barrel only. J. W. Ray, Hanamo phone 5222. 15-1f

FOR SALE—A lot of next year's implements and machinery at last year's prices. W. W. Jones & Co. 26-7

FOR SALE—Used upright piano, mahogany case, good as new. Bargain for some one. Landon Music Co. 19-26

FOR SALE—Small man's gray overcoat, good as new. Inquire 202 East First street. 24-27

FOR SALE—Cow and young calf, will sell separate. Dr. G. H. Leech, 26-28

A BARGAIN—Oakland touring car in fine shape. Three practically new tires, spare tire and rim, electric lights, starter. Have no further use for car. \$900 takes it. Room 6, Michau Bldg. 22-26*

FOR SALE—An 83 Overland touring car with limousine or touring top; in first class condition; will sell cheap or will trade for Ford roadster or touring car. Tilson's garage. 26-28

FOR SALE—An 83 Willys-Knight roadster; in first class condition. Will sell cheap if taken this week. Tilson's garage. 26-28

FOR SALE—1917 Ford, nearly new; reason for selling—going to town. Inquire Smith Hardware Co., Maitland, Mo. 26-1

FOR SALE—Recorded Short-Horn bull calves, red roans. W. F. Kennedy, Parnell, Mo. 24-27*

FOR SALE—Household furniture, including piano. For sale this week. Call at 130 South Walnut. Lee O'Grady. 26-28*

FOR SALE—Am overstocked on 30x3½ and No. 30x3 non-skid Endurance tires. Guaranteed for 5,000 miles. 30x3½, \$19.95; 30x3, \$15.45. See 'em at Tilson's garage. 26-28

FOR SALE—Car Beloit shorts, extra quality, special price, off car. Yewell & Son. 22-26

FOR SALE—850 bu. good corn in crib, \$1.25 per bu., cash only. No delivery. Lester McKillip, Route 7. 22-26*

WANTED

Telephone Operators

Alert, intelligent young women are wanted for telephone operators; paid while learning; excellent opportunity for advancement; good surroundings and working conditions. Apply first floor, 112 West Third Street.

Hanamo Telephone Co.

WANTED—Good news correspondent at Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Barnard and Ravenwood. For further information write or call at Democrat-Forum office, Maryville, Mo.

WANTED—Young man for inside work with view to learning good trade; prefer that he be mechanically inclined. Inquire Commercial Club secretary, Empire Theatre building. 26-28

WANTED—To buy feathers. Highest cash price paid. Han. 440, P. O. box 923, Maryville. 26-1*

WANTED—Young man to make himself generally useful and earn tuition for business course in the Business University. Apply at once. 24-27

WANTED—Neat colored girl and janitor at Business University. See Prof. Padgett at Bainum Hotel. 24-27

WANTED—Stenographer or typewriter operator. Beginner acceptable if proficient. Apply to Prof. Padgett at Bainum Hotel or the Business University. 24-27

LOST

LOST—Tiger claw Masonic watch chain. Return to J. A. Ford. 24-27

LOST—Child's brown fur neck piece. Return to Frances Remus, 548 West 3rd street. 26-28

LOST—Child's brown fur neck piece. Return to Mrs. Clarence Workman or this office. 24-27*

TAKEN BY MISTAKE—Some thing ham. Owner may have same by paying for ad and identifying. 22-26

LOST OR TAKEN BY MISTAKE—Package containing lady's skirt and dresser scarf. Return to Bee Hive Shoe Store. 22-26*

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Front rooms over South Side bakery, formerly occupied by U. S. Recruiting Station. Inquire of Kate Schenck, Hanamo 683. 30f.

FOR RENT AT ONCE.

The beautiful new residence, Fifth and Mulberry, strictly modern. Bath upstairs and down. Oak floors and woodwork on the entire downstairs. Upper floors occupied with lady students. Must have tenant before opening of State Normal school. CHAS. JENSEN, Han. 221 or residence 372.

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished adjoining rooms, bed room and sitting room, private entrance, in modern home, private family; good location, five minutes from square; good meals close. Address A, Democrat-Forum of fee.

MISCELLANEOUS

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

FURS—We are in the market to pay you the highest price for all your furs. Satisfaction or your goods back. Also all kinds of junk. Ship or call Maryville Iron & Metal Co., at Glove & Alexander's Mill. 22-29

STRAYED—From my place, 5 miles northwest of Maryville, white face bull calf. A. E. Cockayne, Farmer & Alexander's Mill. 22-26

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Special to The Democrat-Forum.
Grain Market Future
Kansas City, Dec. 26. — CORN—December \$1.28, May \$1.25.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts 9,000, steers \$10.00@14.75, cows \$6.00@13.00.

HOGS—Receipts 5,000, top \$17.10, bulk \$16.50@17.10.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 26. — CATTLE—Receipts 1,500, market 10 higher.

HOGS—Receipts 26,000, market 15 higher, top \$17.50.

St. Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts 900, market 25@35 higher.

HOGS—Receipts 3,000, market 15@25 higher, top \$16.95.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Spring, per lb. 16c
Hens, per lb. 17c
Ducks, per lb. 14c
Geese, per lb. 14c
Old Roosters, per lb. 10c
Hides, green, per lb. 12c
Eggs, per dozen. 45c
Butter fat, per lb. 48c

WANTED—Baled hay and straw, good corn or oats. Wm. Everhart.

WILL THE STATES
VOTE WET OR DRY

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amendment fails and becomes inoperative. If they ratify it in less time it becomes operative when they do approve it. The submission of the amendment does not necessarily mean that the nation is going dry. The rejection of the amendment by thirteen states will be sufficient to defeat it, and the number thirteen was never fraught with more bad luck for somebody than in this case—or good luck, whichever the case may be.

There are now about nineteen or twenty states which do not have prohibition in some form or other, and from these the opponents of prohibition must draw the necessary thirteen. If the amendment had included only distilled liquors, whiskies, etc., there is no question but it would have been ratified within two or three years. Practically everybody now agrees that whiskey and all drinks with a high alcoholic content should go, but there are still many who do not believe in wiping light wines and beers off the map along with their more dangerous and destructive associates. Under a recent order of the President, to take effect January 1st next, the alcoholic content of beers hereafter brewed during the war must not exceed 2½%, which means that beer will hereafter contain more than 96% of water. To the lover of good beer this is poor stuff.

The states rated as wet states are the most populous states of the Union and those containing the larger cities. They are more difficult to convert to absolute prohibition than the agricultural states. New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, Nevada and Rhode Island for instance, may be rated as hard to convert to complete prohibition. Maryland, now wet, may be rated as close. Texas has strong advocates both wet and dry. Connecticut is now wet. Missouri will be fighting ground, with the chances favoring the drys. Indiana goes dry next spring. Tennessee, although dry, is said to be likely to look askance at national prohibition. Ohio and California have many grape growers and large wine interests. Some of the southern states, while most of them are dry, by state law, may possibly fail to approve the federal amendment because of their aversion to federal sumptuary laws and their adherence to the doctrine that the states should be allowed to determine their own course and make their own laws. In Kentucky an interesting situation is presented. Kentucky is in the public mind rated as a very wet state, and it is not rated far wrong. Yet, out of 119 counties, it is said that 111 are dry, so far as voting dry by local option goes. Making and selling liquor is one of the chief industries in Kentucky and the friends of liquor assert with considerable confidence that they will control in the neighborhood of ninety-six members of the legislature and thus defeat the amendment. Senators Beckham and Ollie James represent Kentucky in the United States Senate. The one is very dry and the other is very wet. Senator Beckham is said to control the country districts ordinarily. The liquor men declare that while a large part of the state is dry, the country is content because the cities are still wet, but when it comes to voting it clear out of the United States there will be many changes of heart. Another angle to the situation in Kentucky is that practically all of the mountain counties have continued to operate stills of their own and, although many a revenue officer has lost his life, the government has never been able to stop the illicit traffic in those districts. These men may or may not favor the national law. It remains to be seen.

Altogether, while the chances seem brighter than ever before for general prohibition there would seem to be a big fight looming up in about half of the states during the next six years. The influence of the present war production may be helpful to the drys in securing the ratification of the amendment. Whatever may be the result, the country is thoroughly committed to temperance. Business demands temperate employees and labor as a whole demands temperance in its own ranks. Perhaps not all the members of congress who voted to submit the question to the states favored it, but they believed that the people had the right to fight it out for themselves, and there were others who have always stood with the drys in state elections who opposed an amendment to the federal constitution as an encroachment upon the rights of the states. The result, however, is all the same. The states now have it and the members of congress are now having visions of comparative peace along these lines.

Representative Booher voted for the dry amendment, as did all the other members from Missouri except the members from St. Louis.

Gaynor Happenings.
Mrs. H. S. Potter, Correspondent.

Paul Lewis has purchased a new Overland runabout.

The program at the Methodist church Sunday morning was well rendered. Mrs. Lewis' class was the largest, being 32 in number. The collection taken for the starving Armenian and Syrian children was \$6.00.

Elmer Montgomery, who attends the state university, is at home for the holiday vacation.

Iva Sparks, who attends the Maryville high school, and Grace Lewis, who teaches in Wichita, are also spending the holidays with home folks.

Grandma Davis from Hopkins is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Lewis.

The Royal Neighbors have elected the following officers for next year: Oracle, Mrs. George Hepburn; vice-oracle, Mrs. Jessie Ghormley; receiver, Miss Vivian Ball; Marshall, Mrs. Laura Stickle; chancellor, Mrs. Ball; past oracle, Mrs. Ola Husbands; musician, Mrs. Elva Grimmitt; inner sentinel, Mrs. Wyman; outer sentinel, Mrs. Laura Florea; manager, Mrs. Roy Nigh; physicians, Dr. Kirk, Dr. Day and Dr. Martin.

John Grimmitt of St. Joseph visited Sunday with his nephew, Alex Grimmitt and family.

Rev. Rust preached his farewell sermon at Gaynor Sunday evening. He has been pastor of the Christian church five years.

The N. N. club will have a Christmas program and box at the home of Mrs. Geo. Hepburn Wednesday evening. Oysters will be served.

All the ladies are requested to meet at Gaynor Thursday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross auxiliary.

Graham M. E. Church Notes.

Services Sunday, December 30 as follows:

GRAHAM—Sunday School at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Mt. Zion—Sunday School at 10 a. m. SWAN CHAPEL—Sunday School at 10 a. m.

ROCKFORD—Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Service each evening during the week at 7:30 p. m. We invite the public to all these services.

E. W. CROY, Pastor.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

KANSAS CITY STOCK LETTER.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec. 24, 1917.—Cattle Receipts today were 4,500 head, which is 1,250 less than a week ago. Market 15 to a quarter higher on beef steers and butcher classes, stockers and feeders steady. Hogs today 7,000, market 15 to 25 higher, top \$16.80. Sheep and lambs today 8,000, market 25 higher, top lambs \$16.00.

Beef Cattle.

Trading began early and all classes sold on the first rounds. There was nothing real choice here, medium to fair classes selling mostly from \$9.25 to \$12.40. The salesmen state the sales today were fully forty to fifty cents higher than the opening last week.

Stockers and Feeders.

Demand today was better than last Monday considering the fact tomorrow being a holiday and prime classes sold a little higher, common grades selling steady. Stockers sold up to \$10.75. Stock cows and heifers were scarce and trade quiet although feeling was steady.

Hogs.

Shippers and speculators were first on the market this morning and bought freely at fifteen to a quarter higher prices. Packers were out a little later and paid twenty-five cents higher than Saturday. Top today \$16.80, bulk of sales \$16.25 to \$16.75. Pigs sold mostly from \$13.00 to \$15.00.

Sheep and Lambs.

The market opened early and continued active until close. Some pea fed lambs selling at \$16.00 the top. Common kinds were strong and some sold fifty cents higher. Stockers and feeders were scarce and sold a little better than steady. Range of prices: Lambs \$15.00 to \$16.00. Yearlings \$12.00 to \$14.00. Wethers \$11.00 to \$13.00. Ewes \$9.00 to \$11.50. Stockers and feeders \$7.00 to \$15.00.

J. A. RICKART,

Market Correspondent.

The First American Millionaire.

The first American multi-millionaire to attain international fame on account of his vast wealth was Stephen Girard, who died eighty-six years ago today, Dec. 26, 1831. Of the financial dynasties of today only the Astors and Vanderbilts were represented in Girard's time, and the fortune of the distinguished Philadelphian exceeded that of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt or the first John Jacob Astor. Girard was worth about nine millions at the time of his death. Much of his money he left to the city of Philadelphia for public purposes, and two millions were applied to the building of a college for orphans.

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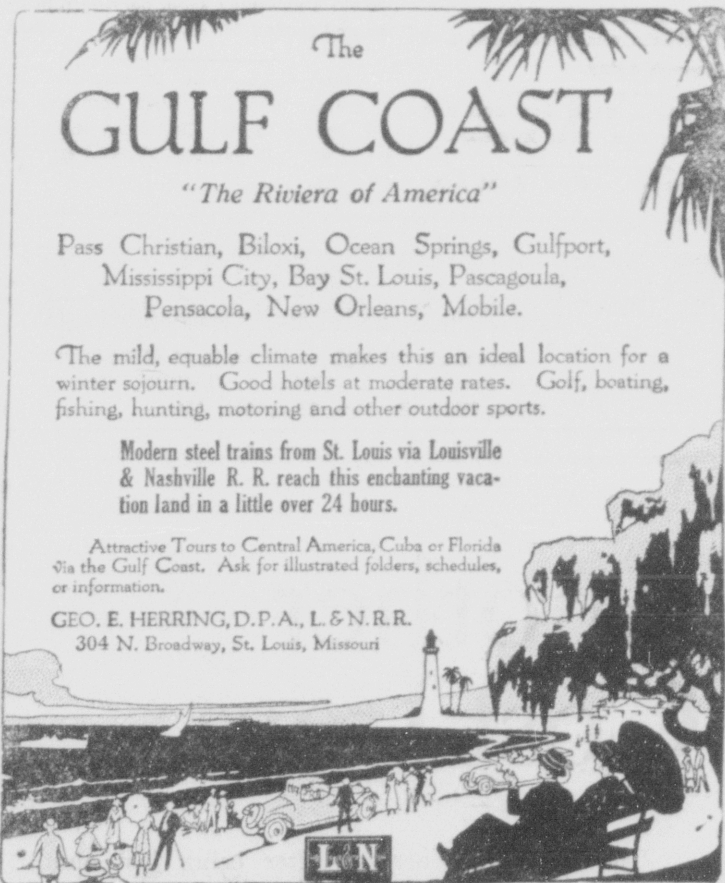
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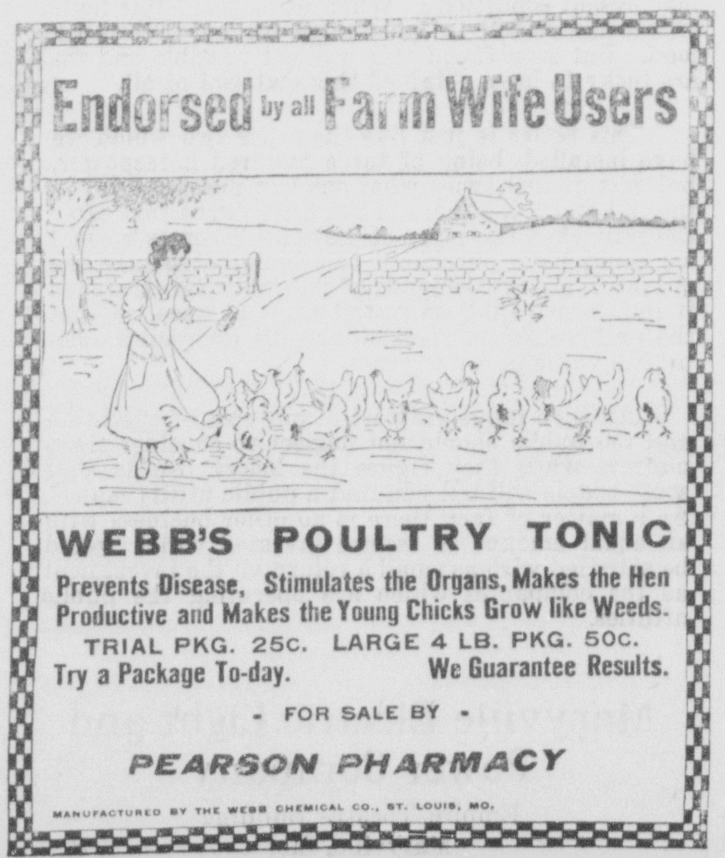
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CLASS IN CAMOUFLAGE
LATEST UNIVERSITY IDEA

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 26.—A class in the art of camouflage has been started at the University of Oregon under the direction of Dr. A. E. Caswell of the department of physics. In this class students are taught the art of making things not seen when they are seen. The students have applied to be enrolled in the camouflage section of the American engineering corps.

Farm Labor Goes Up.

Riverhead, L. I., Dec. 26.—Farm laborers are demanding \$100 a month and keep in this vicinity. For this reason farmers view with apprehension the outlook for next year's crops. With normal conditions plenty of labor was available at \$30 a month and keep, although many farmers paid as high as \$60 last season.

CELEBRATION OF NEW
YEAR'S EVE ORDERED
TO STOP AT ONE O'CLOCK

New York, Dec. 26.—New Year's eve revelers will "go dry" promptly at 1 o'clock, according to the edict issued by Mayor Mitchell.

The order applies to hotels, restaurants, saloons and all other resorts. The mayor says he will issue no all night licenses under any circumstances.

The mayor declares it would be very unbecoming for persons to remain up all night drinking and dancing while the nation's soldiers were risking their lives "over there."

One year ago the mayor "stretched" the closing hour until 2 o'clock.

Right on the heels of the order, Broadway began figuring out a plan whereby the celebration might be continued after the stated hour. One of the schemes is to buy a stock of "cats and drinks" just before the stroke of one, as it is generally believed that those who have ordered before that hour will not be molested.

Sunday Gets \$28,000 Check.

Atlanta, Dec. 26.—Sunday received a check for \$28,862 for the campaign at Atlanta. Homer Rodeheaver said that Sunday had 14,870 converts there.

Public Stock Sale

I will sell at the Hardisty farm, 6½ miles southwest of Maryville and 1½ miles east of Gill school house on

Thursday, Jan. 3

The following property:

6 HEAD OF HORSES AND MULES—Gray horse coming 5 years old, weight 1650, a good worker and sound; 1 pair of coming 4 year old horses, weight 1200; bay mare, gentle in all harness and to ride, weight 900; one pair black mare mules, weight 2300, extra good quality, broke to work.

33 HEAD OF CATTLE—12 head of cows, bred to registered Angus bull, 3 giving milk now; 4 to freshen in February; 11 head of yearling steers and heifers; 10 head of spring calves. Some are high grade Angus.

26 HEAD OF HOGS—4 tried sows, 22 early fall shoats.

10 HEAD OF SHROPSHIRE EWES—Bred to registered buck.

HAY AND GRAIN—1,000 to 1200 bushels of good corn; 8 or 10 tons of good barn hay.

Lunch on grounds.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 3, 6 or 9 months on a bankable note bearing 8% interest from date.

R. P. Hosmer, Auct.
J. D. Richey, Clerk.

Alva Hardisty

Closing Out Sale

Having sold my farm, I will sell at the place known as the Boyer farm, 3 miles west of Maryville, on

Wednesday, January 2, 1918

at 10 a. m., the following described property:

8 HEAD OF HORSES AND MULES—Bay family mare, smooth mouth, weight 1200; bay horse, smooth mouth weight 1400; black mare, in foal by jack; span black horse mules, coming 4 years old; span horse mules, coming 2 years old; Jack, coming 4 years old, black with white points.

9 HEAD OF CATTLE—2 Shorthorn cows, 4 and 5 years old Jersey cow, 4 years old, fresh; Shorthorn bull, 1 year old; yearling heifer, yearling steer, 2 good calves.

25 HEAD OF HOGS—2 black Poland-China sows, 2 Chester White sows, all full blood and bred to farrow in April; 20 head of shoats; 1 Chester White boar.

GRAIN—Some corn in crib, if not sold before day of sale.

IMPLEMENTS—4 wagons, 2 with hay frame; 2 single seated top buggies, manure spreader, Champion mower, bull rake, feed cutter, 2 section harrow, cream separator, disc harrow, in good condition, McCormick grain binder, 2 corn planters, Oliver riding 6 shovel cultivator, Busy Bee riding cultivator, Avery walking cultivator, set single harness, set of double buggy harness, 3 sets of double work harness, saddle, bridle and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS—3, 6 or 9 months time on bankable note bearing 8% interest from date.

Lunch by ladies of Lasher Red Cross Auxiliary.

R. P. Hosmer, Auct.
J. D. Richey, Clerk.

Chas. Tabler

Closing Out Sale

Having sold my farm, will sell my stock on farm 4½ miles southwest of Maryville, ½ mile west of Bell Grove school house on

Friday, Dec. 28, 1917

commencing at 10 o'clock the following described property:

5 HEAD OF HORSES AND MULES—Bay mare 6 years old, in foal; smooth mouth mare in foal; coming 3 year old mule, good one; weanling mule colt; filly colt.

16 HEAD OF CATTLE—7 milch cows, 6 Jerseys, extra good ones, one with calf by side; 2 year old heifer; 6 steer calves; 2 heifer calves.

20 HOGS—3 old sows, 2 to farrow soon; 5 gilts, 2 to farrow soon; 8 shoats, weight 80 to 100 lbs; 4 shoats weight 180 to 200 lbs.

CORN—3,500 bushels. 450 bushels of this corn has been sorted.

IMPLEMENTS—Hay rack, hay rake, harrow, riding cultivator, walking cultivator, go-devil, bob sled, Empire cream separator, Old Trusty incubator, 200 egg, Garland range, good as new, and many other things not mentioned.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under, cash. On sums over \$10 a credit of 3, 6 or 9 months time will be allowed, purchaser giving bankable note bearing 8% interest from date. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

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